

# SALVESTRIN

2020

## CABERNET SAUVIGNON NAPA VALLEY

### Tasting Notes:

Our 2020 Napa Valley Cabernet Sauvignon features a vibrant mélange of black cherry, black currants, cedar, and dried violets. The mouthfeel is medium bodied with a distinct silkiness throughout, plus a touch of minerality that adds freshness and depth. There's a sense of grace and liveliness to this wine. The finish is laser focused with refined length and whispers hints of dark chocolate and blackberry.

### Winemaking:

Our Napa Valley Cabernet Sauvignon is accessible and made in a classic style. Harvested in the cool hours of the night, grapes arrive at the winery by 7am and we begin processing immediately. Destemmed and manually berry sorted, only the best fruit makes it to tank. We gently and intentionally pump the must to achieve some berry breakage – which allows forupfront color and tannin extraction. The tanks are kept in cold soak phase at 55F for 5 days and then the chilling is turned off, allowing the vessels to warm up naturally. Fermentation commences and typically lasts 2-3 weeks. A series of pumpovers is performed daily; frequency and duration are dependent on the phase of the fermenting wine. Time on skins varies from 25-35 days depending on vintage conditions and varietal. Once the wine is ready for pressing, it is gently drained off the skins in the afternoon and pressed in the morning. The skins are shoveled from tank and put into the press. Free run and press wine is aged separately in a mixture of new and neutral French and Hungarian oak barrels. After 14-15 months of aging separately, the wine is blended and then returned to the same barrels to harmonize for another 8 months before bottling.

### Vintage:

We were fortunate to produce premium quality in a year rife with climatic challenges. Due to drought conditions berry size was on average 15% smaller, which is preferable for premium winemaking. Tiny berries means a decreased skin to juice ratio, which is important because most flavor components reside in the skins of grape berries. This allowed us to make wines of concentration and complexity seamlessly.



**BLEND:** 79% Cabernet, 9% Petite Verdot, 8% Malbec and 4% Merlot

**AVA:** Napa Valley

**HARVEST:** September - October 2020

**PRODUCTION:** 1,900 Cases

**RELEASE DATE:** September 2022

**AGING:** 20 Months

**ALCOHOL:** 14.4%

**COOPERAGE:** French Oak Barrels, 15% New

